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OPC COCKTAIL PARTY

Thursday, July 1--Press Lounge, United Nations Building
5:00 to 7:30 P.M.-----Members and Guests, \$1.25

The Club's social Program breaks away this week from the luncheon meeting circuit for a cocktail session Thursday, July 1, at the UN's Press Lounge.

About mid-way in the party--at 6 P.M.--OPCers and guests will have an opportunity to hear a former governor of Indo-China make some brief comments on the situation there. He is His Excellency Leon Pignon, Governor General of France Overseas and French Delegate to Trusteeship Council of United Nations. He will be available to answer questions following the talk.

Reservations should be made not later than Wednesday, June 30, for the affair to be held in the first floor, air conditioned lounge. The delegates' entrance should be used. (Note: The \$1.25 fee covers Drink No. 1 only)

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Action to speed arrangements for furnishing the Club's future home for occupancy shortly after Labor Day was taken at a two-hour meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors last Thursday evening (June 17).

Major motions approved were these:

BOARD ADVANCES
FUNDS TO EQUIP
OPC'S BUILDING

1. From the Club's own operating account, \$20,000 was authorized for use by the Management & Operations Committee for equipping and furnishing the OPC building. This transaction is in the nature of a loan and is to be repaid. The motion was made during the Executive Committee phase of the meeting by WAYNE RICHARDSON, was thrashed out and then okayed by the Governors. President BOB CONSIDINE presided.

2. The Management & Operations Committee, chaired by WILLIAM BROOKS, was split and a new unit (tentatively known as the "Arts & Decorations" Committee) was formed to carry out the furnishings project.

PAT HARTWELL was immediately appointed chairman of the new group and has since named the following as members: ELIZABETH FAGG, ROSELLEN CALLAHAN WELT, JOSEPH J. WURZEL, WALTER RUNDLE, L. B. "MIN" MILLER, LOWELL PRATT, and FRANK WACHSMITH. Meanwhile, DICKSON HARTWELL was selected by Correspondents Fund President WILLIAM P. GRAY as an ex-officio member.

It was made clear that this financing--the \$20,000 plus approximately \$10,000 balance in the Building Fund--will cover only about half of the expected expense.

The Club's own account must be repaid later so that it can operate on a sound basis and be prepared to meet unforeseen developments.

Thus, while the Thursday night move made it possible to proceed at once on this major matter it by no means solved the problem.

The Bulletin will shortly be able to publish details on the furnishing of each floor in the building, when this information is fully decided upon. For the time being, suffice it to note that items ranging from fire extinguishers to salt shakers will be needed, plus glass and silverware, radios, press room equipment, recreational equipment such as pool tables, ad infinitum.

Members are urged to consider and relay ideas for obtaining such items gratis or on a below-cost basis. Such suggestions should be given to Manager James Foley at Club headquarters. (The Committee, of course, reserves the right to reject contributions and arrangements it feels to be inappropriate.)

Obviously, cash will greatly simplify many problems.

Presently, decorator William Pahlmann is judiciously buying certain furnishings. The Committee was able to obtain his professional services on a partly contributory basis.

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Personals: A. WILFRED MAY part of NYC Mayor Wagner's party attending the Immigration Conference in Puerto Rico....Congratulations to CHARLES A. DONNELLY, newly-elected first vice president of The Silurians...JOHN BARKHAM to be on July 18 "Author Meets Critics" panel discussing "I'll Cry Tomorrow", in which GEROLD FRANK had a major hand...ED HYMOFF, ex-INS Far East veteran, now with NBC News Dep't...MYER AGEN broadcast a Flag Day talk on the American Legion for the Voice of America, in French...LEN S. SMITH, PR director of Denver's National Jewish Hospital, promises "a beautiful Lincoln ride through colorful Colorado's classic chasms to any & all Club members visiting hereabouts."

* MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND BOX SCORE: *
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* Cash.....\$245,395.50 *
* Pledged.....430.00 *
* Total \$245,825.50 *
* Still Needed: \$54,174.50 *
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/NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS/

ACTIVE:

James H. Sheldon, columnist, American Hebrew, 1951 to present; Interfaith Observer 1951 to present; editor, Anti-Nazi Bulletin, from 1940 to 1945; editor of News Service of Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League 1940 to present; director U.S. Office of Education Radio Forum broadcasts on world affairs, WICC and other Connecticut stations, 1937. Proposed by LEO M. GLASSMAN; seconded by PATRICIA L. HARTWELL.

AFFILIATE:

William Houlton, public relations counsel; free lance writing and magazine work in Great Britain and Southern Ireland; edited "American Market Guide" for United Kingdom and "Guide to Irish Markets" reporter, London Independent Press, 1937 to 1939. Proposed by ANSEL E. TALBERT; seconded by F. RICHARD ANDERSON.

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidate:

ASSOCIATE:

JUNE L. HERMAN

SAN FRANCISCO DATELINE--(Special to The Bulletin)--JOE

* WEST COAST *

* WIRE *

LAITIN continues working out of Hollywood Colliers office but has new home address: Santa Monica "by the blue Pacific" (California's C of C has 'em all in tow), at 109 Chautauqua. He's just completed a SF story for fall publication.....From the hottest spot in all California, in El Centro in the Imperial Valley, HAZEL HARTZOG (Mrs. Wallace E. Tow) reports her three-year-old child gets most of her attention these days but that she does manage features for the local daily and occasional special assignments for eastern pubs. In their cool El Centro home, she adds, there's a warm welcome for wandering OPCers....New OPC member HERB CAEN continues his Winchellesque column in the Examiner here and recently credited ROBIN KINKEAD of TWA with the one about "the young fellow by the name of Reilly who joined the army so he could live the life of Schine".....OMAR GARRISON writes saying he's now in Rome (Via Monte Delle Gioie, 24) but will be back in Hollywood in January. --by JOSEPH Q. RIZNIK, who delivered his copy in person this time. He's in NYC, mixing fun ("so that I don't turn into a Compleat Egghead") with work on his "doctoral dissertation concerned with the definitive history of the American press associations!

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(Editor's Note: No word this week from The Bulletin's overseas correspondents but here're some notes with an over-there angle to them, or most of 'em, anyway).

***** JOE WILLICOMBE discusses in current (June 19) Editor & Publisher the recent "Beachhead Revisited" junket of newsmen to Europe. Story, under James L. Collings' byline, gives reactions of numerous correspondents to experience of returning to the D-Day locale. HAL BOYLE, IVAN PETERMAN and Jack Thompson of Chicago Trib are cited as "three of the really top and most rugged war correspondents.".....Gene Symonds named UP Southeast Asia manager. He's now in Singapore...Carl Rowan of Minneapolis Tribune, spending three months in India re State Dep't international educational exchange program...STAN SWINTON, Rome AP bureau chief, back in states, resting up at Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Attention Alaska!--IVAN DMITRI, back from Mexican assignment, off to Alaska to take pix for Satevepost....International polio experts will head for Rome in September for 3rd Poliomyelitis Conference, reports DOROTHY DUCAS, PR director of National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, sponsor of polio vaccine trials in U.S. this year...DAVE FORBERT of Reader's Digest, off for 3-4 months in European, shooting international editions' covers...

NIEMANS: A pair of foreign correspondents won Nieman Fellowships to Harvard University for the college year beginning in September. They are SIG HARRISON for three years in the AP bureau in New Delhi, and HENRY SHAPIRO, United Press foreign correspondent who spent a number of years as bureau chief in Moscow. Arch Parsons Jr., the N.Y. Herald-Tribune's United Nations correspondent, was also on the list of Nieman Fellows.

OPCER HONORED on QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LIST

MAJ. CYRIL B. OMEROD, director of public relations of the British Information Service in New York, was named on Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday Honors List. He was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

OVERSEAS TRAVELERS: Heading for Ireland, England and the Continent is NOLA LUXFORD...Has there ever been an issue of True without a HARRISON FORMAN piece? No. eight in his round-the-world series, "Saigon-City Under the Gun", is running currently. Anyway, South America must not have been part of the world because he's now hurrying down that way for another True series...RITA WHEARTY went to the Caribbean this month for three weeks, taking in Montego Beach, Haiti, San Juan, other points (on Pan-Am "Circle Trip").

OPC Wanderer-of-the-Week, however, is ANSEL E. TALBERT of the NY Herald Tribune. He returned last week from a spot no travel guide ever heard about: "Ice Island T-3." It's 250 knots from the North Pole, by way of Florida! Population: 12 U.S. Air Forcers and an Alaskan husky.

During ED's visit, the Red Air Force sent an Il-12 troop transport-type craft over the camp, presumably from Rudolf Island off Siberia on other side of the Pole. The USSR plane made three low-level passes and this made a front page exclusive for TALBERT. All told, he came off the cake of ice with a four-article series (tediously Pentagon-cleared) which ran in many papers.

Before returning to NYC, he thawed out at Cocoa, Fla., watching operation of new Army and Air Force missiles at the Guided Missile Test Center there.

FREE WORLD MUST STOP REDS IN INDO-CHINA, Mlle. FRIANG TELLS OPC LUNCHEON

A pert French woman war correspondent with two years' service in Indo-China told an OPC luncheon meeting last Thursday, June 17, that "if the free world doesn't stop the Communists there, they'll take all Southeast Asia."

The Club guest speaker was Mlle. Elizabeth "Brigitte" Friang. She was introduced by OPC President BOB CONSIDINE as "the surest symbol of all that there will always be a France."

Mlle. Friang (who celebrated her 30th birthday in Dienbienphu just before its fall) said she was forced to observe that "if the free world does not want France to stay in Indo-China, then France must make a deal with the Reds." She meanwhile traced the war background there from its beginning before V-J Day.

She said France made a mistake in setting up Bao Dai as Vietnam chief of state..."no ideals were given the Vietnamese people."

In another critical vein, she asserted, "There are no leaders and no ideals on our side." Mlle. Friang deplored the fact France "is losing its entire professional army in Indo-China" at the rate of 300 officers each year (from 1946 through 1951).


The attendance list showed following there: N.F. ALLMAN...JOHN BARKHAM... WILLIAM BALDWIN, JEAN BRADNICK, JOHN BROGAN, HELEN BUCKLER, HUGH CONWAY, ARNAUD DE BORCHGRAVE, R.E. FITZ GIBBON, RALPH GARDNER, GERALDINE FITCH, JOHN GOETTE, CHARLES GILLETTE, K.S. GINIGER, PHIL GUSTAFSON, B.J. HOLLOWAY, MARY HORNADAY, EVANS HOUGHTON, JOSEF ISRAELS II, SAM A. JAFFE, CHARLES KINSOLVING, RUTH LLOYD, NOLA LUXFORD, B. MATHIEU, GEORGE MC DONALD, LOUIS MESSOLONGHITES, JAMES MICHAELS, DOROTHY OMANSKY, HENRY MOSCOW, CHARLES ROBBINS, SIGRID SCHULTZ, IRENE TAYLOR, STUART B. TINSLEY, REAVIS O'NEAL, HAL TUFTY and others.


GEOFFREY PARSONS, JR., promoted to NATO director of information, moving up from the deputy director's post. The ex-New York Herald Tribune European edition editor succeeds Robert A. Farquharson, resigned to join Canadian gov't service.


Notes: Westbrook Pegler on stand during 6th week of libel suit filed against him by QUENTIN REYNOLDS.....RALPH H. MAJOR, JR. has piece in current Coronet (re buried Nova Scotian treasure)


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Lecture Circuit: A. WILFRED MAY recently addressed German-American Chamber of Commerce in NYC on "What's Ahead for Germany's Business & Finance"..Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER gave series of six lectures on Germany at Concordia College, Austin, Texas..CLIFF EVANS discussed NBC-TV's "Today" before Conn. Women's Current Events Club...Note to HAL LEHRMAN**Please Contact Bulletin, re your lecture plan..... GERALDINE FITCH back from lecture trip to Michigan, plus class reunion at Albion College. Emperor Haile Selassie was on competing circuit in those parts at the time but she still drew, at one speech, the president, vice-president and assorted deans and professors of U. of Mich. (June Rotarian carries another of her Formosa reports, with longer piece upcoming).

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ADD TRAVELERS--LEE PITT of Houston Press and wife Nancy due in NYC Aug. 15.... GERALD SCHRODER back to Bonn for McGraw-Hill.

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